

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1359
ANSWERED ON:26.11.2007
MULLA PERIYAR DAM
Kharventhan Shri Salarapatty Kuppusamy

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Mulla Periyar Dam issue is still remain unresolved;
- (b) if so, whether the Union Government has recently convened a meeting with the Government of Tamil Nadu and Kerala to solve the issue amicably;
- (c) if so, the details of outcome and the present status thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Union Government to solve the issue between the two States?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (d) Government of Tamil Nadu filed a suit No. 3 of 2006 - State of Tamil Nadu v/s State of Kerala and Union of India in the Hon'ble Supreme Court on 31.3.2006 praying for-

(i) Declaration of Kerala Irrigation and Water Conservation (Amendment) Act 2006 passed by Kerala Legislature as unconstitutional in its application to and effect on Mulla Periyar Dam.

(ii) Pass a decree of permanent injunction restraining Kerala from application and enforcing impugned legislation enforcing with or obstructing Tamil Nadu from increasing the water level to 142 feet and from carrying out the repair works as per judgment of Supreme Court dated 27th February 2006.

In this regard, the Hon'ble Supreme Court passed an order on 25.9.2006 stating 'the two State Governments independently or with the intervention of the Union of India may try to sort out, if possible, the dispute'. The Hon'ble Union Minister (WR) convened an inter-State meeting of the Chief Ministers of States of Tamil Nadu & Kerala on Mulla periyar dam issue on 29.11.2006 and again with the Ministers concerned of two States on 18.12.2006. No solution acceptable to both States emerged in these meetings.